



# GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS  
& RESOURCE MANAGERS

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This is the eighth edition of *Go Hunt Hawai'i*, a quarterly newsletter to connect hunters and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). [Sign up](#) to stay up to date on announcements, changes to hunting areas, research on animal populations and more.

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## 2nd Annual Online Hunter Survey

MAHALO TO HUNTERS FOR PARTICIPATING

The second annual online hunter survey has been completed, revealing information about hunting statewide in 2017. Thank you to all who took the time to answer questions about their experience hunting in Hawai'i. Almost 1,200 hunters filled out the survey, more than double the number of responses from last year!

Results from the survey will be used to inform management of the hunting program. A copy of the full report on this survey can be found on the DOFAW Hunting website [HERE](#).



**Most hunters supplement with game** — 46% supplement for up to 9 meals a month, and 36% for 9 to 30 meals a month.



**Most hunters had hunted on public lands** — (84%), with 49% hunting game mammals, 30% gamebirds and mammals, and 5% gamebirds only.



**More than half of hunters had hunted on private lands** — (54%), with an average of 27 days per year.



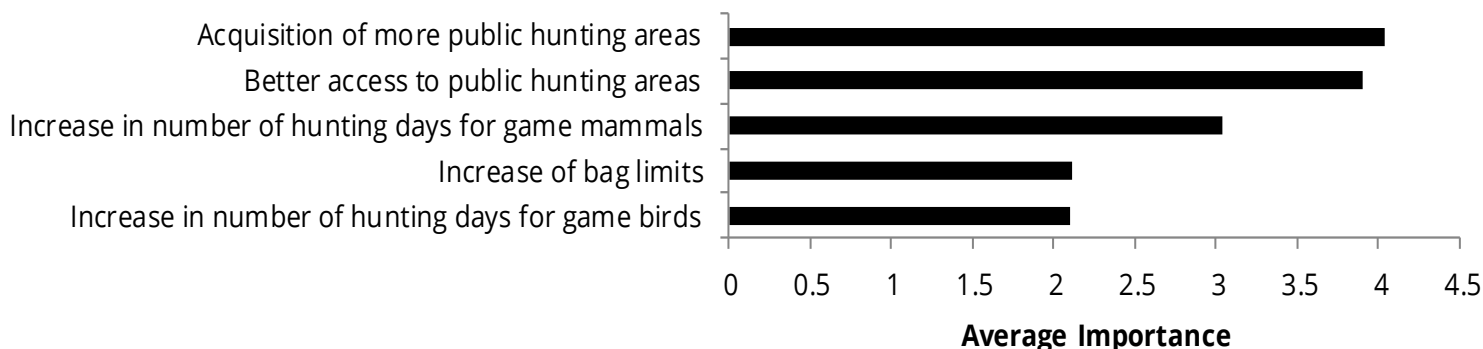
**Top three most utilized hunting units** — Unit 1, 2, and 3 on Lana'i. Mauna Kea GMA and Kaohe GMA on Hawai'i Island was the next most heavily used.



**Top three reasons for hunting** — To acquire wild game meat, to spend time in nature, and for recreation and sport.



**Most valued potential improvements to the hunting program** — (see graph below)



# Kaua'i Pheasant Release Project

## Volunteers Help Raise and Release Birds for the 2018-2019 Gamebird Season

In preparation for the gamebird season, volunteers and DOFAW staff reared close to 700 pheasants for release. The birds were brought in as chicks in June, and 600 adults were released in October for the start of the gamebird season. This year, the project tried something new and staggered the release: 80 additional pheasants were released in December.

This project could only be completed due to the time and effort of the volunteers that assisted DOFAW staff. They spent 6 weeks assisting in rearing the pheasant chicks. Kaua'i DOFAW would like to recognize and thank the following volunteers for their dedicated help:

**Chris Coscarella**  
**Quinn Coscarella**  
**Chloe Coscarella**  
**Sean Igne**  
**Chlorie Igne**

**Mark Sueyasu**  
**Wayne Sueyasu**  
**Leslie Sueyasu**  
**Corey Lum Won**  
**Amy Lauren Lum Won**



*Pheasant chicks being raised for release onto public hunting lands in Kaua'i. Volunteers were instrumental in completing the annual project.*

**Kevin Vidinha**  
**Makana Vidinha**

**Sam Fernandez**  
**Adam Killerman**

## Announcements

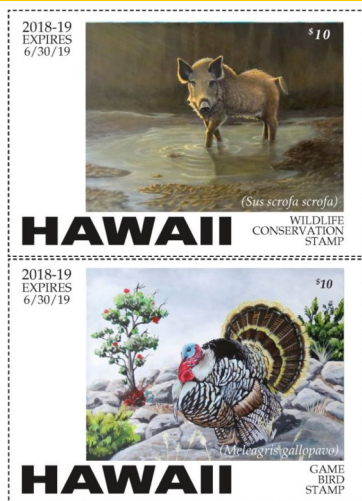
### HUNTING STAMP CONTEST

#### DOFAW SEEKING ART ENTRIES

The 2019-2020 Hunting Stamp contest is still open! The subjects for this year are the Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus* var.) or the Mouflon sheep (*Ovis musimon*).

Artists interested in entering the contest must submit their paintings by February 8, 2019. The winner will be notified on February 15, 2019, with a maximum prize of \$1,000.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



### GMAC

#### COMMISSION UPDATES

The Maui Commissioner seat is still vacant! The State Game Management Advisory Commission is seeking applicants.

If you are interested in serving on the GMAC, please fill out the online application [HERE](#).

GMAC members act in an advisory capacity for the Board of Land and Natural Resources, which sets policies for the Department.



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